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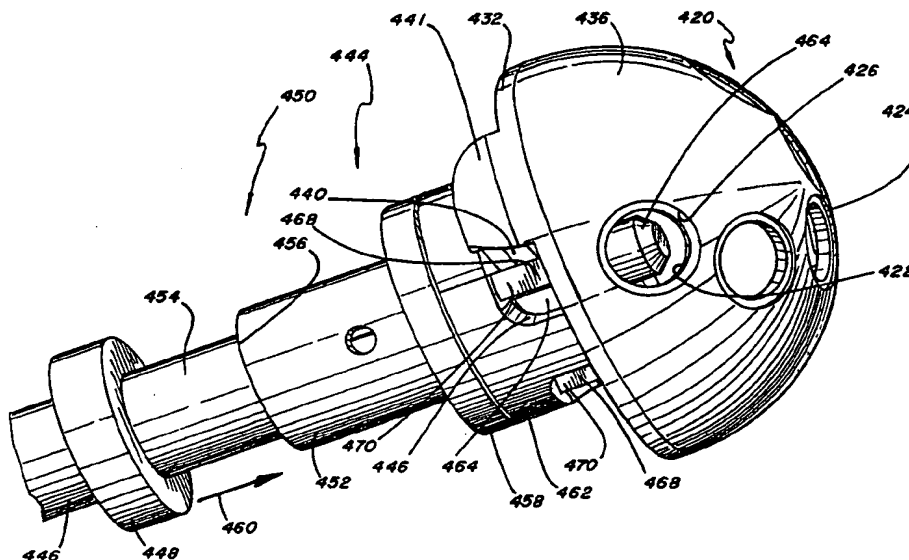
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(57) Abstract

The surgical reamer (20) has a hollow dome (24) with apertures (26) spaced apart arranged in arcs (28) extending from an apex (30) of the dome to the base portion (32) of the dome, and removable teeth (22) positioned in the apertures. Each cutting tooth (22) has a flange (52) that is aligned flush with the external surface of the dome (24), and a raised cutting edge (50) extending above the flange and the external surface (36) of the dome, and an interior passageway (39) communicating between the outside and inside of the dome. In one embodiment, a base plate (56) is removably secured on the base portion (32) of the dome (24) to provide closure of the central cavity (34) of the dome. One, two or three mounting bars having means for attaching a powered rotary driver thereto may be affixed to a back side of the base.

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Surgical reamer with plurality of removable cutters

2. Claims: 32-40

Surgical reamer with mounting bars for attaching driver